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LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF LNG TO PUBLIC PRIVATE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for supply of LNG to public & private projects;

(b) the number of applications received for supply of LNG by the Private Sector as on March 1, 2003, and are lying pending; and

(c) the present status of the demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Liquified Natural Gas (LNG)has been placed under Open General Licence (OGL) with permission for 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The prices and norms of supply of LNG will be market determined between the buyers and the sellers of LNG. Government does not regulate supply or prices of LNG.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There is a large gap between the demand and supply of natural gas. At present, as against an allocation of 119 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) of natural gas, supply of natural gas is around 65 MMSCMD only.